UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

MARY JANE TRETTIS,)
Plaintiff,) Civil Action No. 1:20-cv-10694
V.)
WHOLE FOODS MARKET GROUP,)
INC.,)
Defendant.	ý

AFFIDAVIT OF STEPHEN C. BAZARIAN, ESQ., IN SUPPORT OF NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF CIVIL ACTION

I, STEPHEN C. BAZARIAN, ESQ., on oath depose and state that:

- 1. I am counsel for defendant Whole Foods Market Group, Inc. ("Whole Foods") in this action. I submit this affidavit in support of the accompanying Notice of Removal of Civil Action.
- 2. On January 13, 2020, plaintiff Mary Jane Trettis (the "Plaintiff"), by her attorney, sent a letter to Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc., Whole Foods' third-party administrator, in which she demanded that Whole Foods pay her \$100,000 in settlement of the claims that are the subject of this action and that are set forth in her Complaint.

SIGNED UNDER THE PAINS AND PENALTIES OF PERJURY THIS 8^{th} DAY OF APRIL 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Stephen C. Bazarian, Esq., counsel for the defendant Whole Foods Market Group, Inc., herein, hereby certify that I served a true copy of the foregoing document upon counsel for plaintiff, J. Marlin Hawthorne, Esq., Hawthorne Law Office, 2 Columbia Road, Ste. 9, Pembroke, MA 02327, by first class mail, postage pre-paid, on April 8, 2020.

/s/ Stephen C. Bazarian
Stephen C. Bazarian, Esq.